

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-66 (Cancelled).

Claim 67 (Original): An information providing system including a first information providing apparatus, an information processing apparatus, and a second information providing apparatus,

said first information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from said information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to said second information providing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storage control means for controlling the storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

second transmission control means for controlling in response to a request from said information processing apparatus the transmission, to said information processing apparatus, said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

said information processing apparatus comprising:

third reception control means for controlling the reception of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

third transmission control means for controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions; and

fourth reception control means for controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus; and

said second information providing apparatus comprising:

fifth reception control means for controlling the reception of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

fourth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

sixth reception control means for controlling the reception of a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

fifth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus for a system that also includes an information processing apparatus and another information providing apparatus comprising:

transmission control means for controlling ~~the~~ a transmission of a content to the another information providing apparatus in response to a request for purchasing content from

~~a the first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;~~

reception control means for controlling, when said content has previously been transmitted to the information providing apparatus, the reception, sent from said ~~second~~ another information providing~~processing~~ apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination and usage condition of said content ~~said first information processing apparatus;~~ and

storage control means for controlling a storage of the transmission destination and usage conditions ~~the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus~~ in correspondence with identification for identifying said content transmitted to said ~~first~~ information processing apparatus, wherein

said transmission control means also for transmitting said information for identifying the transmission destination and usage condition to said information processing apparatus,  
and

said reception control means for receiving from said information processing apparatus user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 69 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying a destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 70 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein ~~said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus and~~ said reception control means controls the

reception of said information for identifying said transmission destination as a device  
identification of said content indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 71 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 72 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to a storage medium detachably loaded in said information providing~~processing~~ apparatus and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying the transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 73 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 72, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 74 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising:  
receiving at a first information providing apparatus from an information processing  
apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing  
apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;

controlling the transmission to said information processing apparatus of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

receiving the device identification information and said usage conditions at said information processing apparatus;

controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception at said second information providing apparatus of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

transmitting said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

receiving at said second information providing apparatus a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.~~controlling the transmission of a content in response~~

~~to a request from an a first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;~~

~~controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said second information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content said first information processing apparatus; and~~

~~controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus in correspondence with identification for identifying said content transmitted to said first information processing apparatus.~~

Claim 75 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program that implements steps comprising:

receiving at a first information providing apparatus from an information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;

controlling the transmission to said information processing apparatus of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

receiving the device identification information and said usage conditions at said information processing apparatus;

controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception at said second information providing apparatus of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

transmitting said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

receiving at said second information providing apparatus a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.~~controlling the transmission of a content in response to a request from an a first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;~~

~~controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said second information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content said first information processing apparatus; and~~

~~controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus in correspondence with data identification for identifying said content transmitted to said first information processing apparatus.~~

Claim 76 (Cancelled).

Claim 77 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

first transmission control means for controlling the transmission of a request for a purchasing content to an a first information providing apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information processing apparatus, said first transmission control means also for transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;

reception control means for controlling the reception of said device identification and usage condition from said first information providing apparatus and controlling reception of content via said the second information processing providing apparatus; and

second transmission control means for controlling, the transmission, to said first information providing apparatus, of identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has been received via said second information processing providing apparatus, wherein

said first information providing apparatus being configured to send said content to said second information providing apparatus after said information processing apparatus receives said device identification and said usage condition.

Claim 78 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, said second transmission control means includes means for transmitting the transmission of said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 79 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 78, wherein said second transmission control means includes means for transmitting



~~controls the transmission of~~ said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 80 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, wherein said second transmission control means includes means for transmitting~~controls the transmission of~~ said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 81 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 80, wherein said second transmission control means includes means for controlling~~controls the transmission of~~ said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 82 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus;

transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said device identification and usage condition from said first information providing apparatus and controlling reception of content via the second information providing apparatus;

controlling the transmission to said first information providing apparatus, of  
identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has  
been received via said second information providing apparatus; and

sending said content to said second information providing apparatus after said  
information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage

condition.~~controlling the transmission of a request for a content to an information providing~~  
~~apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information~~  
~~processing apparatus;~~

~~controlling the reception of said content via said second information processing~~  
~~apparatus; and~~

~~controlling, the transmission, to said information providing apparatus, of~~  
~~identification information for identifying said information processing apparatus when said~~  
~~content has received via said second information processing apparatus.~~

Claim 83 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-  
readable program ~~comprising the steps of~~that performs steps comprising:

controlling a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information  
providing apparatus;

transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage  
condition to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said device identification and usage condition from said  
first information providing apparatus and controlling reception of content via the second  
information providing apparatus;

controlling the transmission to said first information providing apparatus, of  
identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has  
been received via said second information providing apparatus; and

sending said content to said second information providing apparatus after said  
information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage  
~~condition~~~~controlling the transmission of a request for a content to an information providing~~  
~~apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information~~  
~~processing apparatus;~~

~~controlling the reception of said content via said second information processing~~  
~~apparatus; and~~

~~controlling, the transmission, to said information providing apparatus, of~~  
~~identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has~~  
~~received via said second information processing apparatus.~~

Claim 84 (Cancelled).